

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 10, 2020

Regular meeting of December 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m., all voting in favor and motions carried unless noted otherwise. Members present were Angela Carlson, Todd Lutz and Tom Geerts. Also present, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Lutz made the motion to appoint Angela Carlson as Chairman of the commissioners, seconded by Geerts.

Geerts made the motion to appoint Todd Lutz as Vice-Chairman of the commissioners, Carlson vacated her Chairman seat and seconded the motion.

Geerts motioned to approve the November minutes as presented, seconded by Lutz.

Lutz made the motion to approve bills as presented: General 45,882.00; Road & Bridge 6,626.79; E911 25.00; County Agent 57.42; Sheriff 43,886.82; 24/7 Program 540.65. Geerts seconded the motion to approve bills.

The board reviewed the fees received from the Sheriff and Records offices.

Sheriff Warner gave her monthly Sheriff's report.

Duane Marxen, County Agent, met with the board to give his monthly report. He provided the dates for the crop (February 12, 2021) and livestock (January 8, 2021) annual meetings that will be held at Memorial Hall in New England.

Derrick Northrup and Mike West of Butler and Steve Meier of RDO met with the commissioners to discuss new grader options. Lutz made the motion to get an advertisement for bids on the grader, seconded by Geerts.

The commissioners called Magen Klassen, Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce, regarding the upcoming SW Night with the Legislatures, which is tentatively set for March 1, 2021.

Due to a lost check, Geerts motioned to void and reissue, seconded by Lutz.

End of the year transfers were discussed. Geerts made the motion to transfer the following: \$20,000.00 for a portion of the match to be allocated, along with the \$7,200 authorized from Capitol Improvements to the New Fair Building; \$11,172.28 out of Poor Relief to the General Fund; and from the following unorganized townships, Alden \$18,856.35, Indian Creek \$7,599.95 and Odessa \$9,917.70 to the Road and Bridge fund for the work done in those townships. Lutz seconded the motion for these transfers.

Geerts also made the motion to transfer the remaining match funds for the new Fair Building of \$30,000 to be moved to the 2021 budget.

Geerts made the motion to deed the city properties that did not sell at the tax sale to their respective cities of location to the City of Mott and the city of New England, seconded by Lutz.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with board to discuss upcoming grants that will be applied for.

Geerts motioned to apply for the Court Facilities Improvement Grant for flooring in the Clerk of Courts office, seconded Lutz. HAZMAT training will be the next scheduled emergency training for Hettinger County.

Effective immediately, Geerts motion to approve the **Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Hettinger County Board of County Commissioners currently holds its regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:30 o'clock a.m.; and WHEREAS, by mutual agreement, the Commissioners wish to change the regularly scheduled meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 o'clock a.m.; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HETTINGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 1. The Hettinger County Board of County Commissioners shall hold their regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 o'clock a.m. This resolution shall go into effect immediately.

Chad Kelsch, Tax Director, met with the board due to five Homestead Credit abatements, and one Farmstead Exemption. Lutz motioned to approve them, seconded by Geerts. Kelsch also updated the board on the county's website. The website is planned to be newly launched by the end of the first quarter 2021.

Elliott Finck gave the road supervisor report. The Krieb's gravel pit and 80% of the D Meier gravel pit have been reclaimed this fall. The Koppinger gravel pit, which is the only pit open with an estimated 20,000 yards of gravel left. We will need to get gravel crushed in 2021 or 2022.

Geerts motioned to appoint Doug Wegh with alternate of Angela Carlson to the Community Action Board, seconded by Lutz.

The commissioners made the following appointments to the following boards: SW Health District – All; Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council – Carlson; Roughrider North HSZ – Carlson; SW Multi-County Correction Center – Carlson with possible alternate of Sarah Warner; County Fair – Geerts; JDA – Geerts and Lutz; Sales Tax Committee – Lutz; Zoning – Geerts.

Annual performance reviews scheduled will be scheduled for June and July in preparation for the annual budgeting process.

The commissioners tabled the request of support for Powering ND at this time.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Angela Carlson, CHAIRMAN